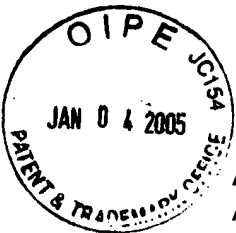


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AMENDMENT "A"

(In response to Paper No. 09272004)

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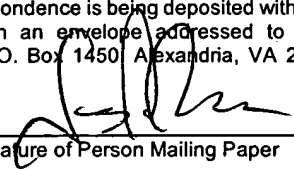
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
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